acts and Figures of the Work Which the Association has Engaged in During the Past Four Years

PICAL YEAR WAS ENTERED ON THIS WEEK AND OUTLOOK IN FOR BETTER WORK THAN EVER BEFORE-DAILY AVER-AGE OF ATTENDANCE OF MEN AND BOYS IS 180-WORK IN ATHLETICS AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

work. Definite religious instruction

supplement this work generally or in

an institutional way by seeking to

creation on a standing that is

eping with the ideals of the church.

T. M. C. A has accomplished during

the past year and it will be seen that the daily average of 186 man and

boys that frequent the building have

a program large enough to meet s

their lives and sesist them to grow

into a jurger and better manhood

every right thinking man in Sumter

ing this work as it is for him and his posterity, and the greatest work

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE ORGAN-

and R. O. Purdy President

and has been made of the reorgan-

J. K. Breeden of Manning, who led

in the fight for prohibition, has been

Columbia and J. G. Anderson of Rock

Comes Into Verbal Conflict With

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.-William

Jennings Bryan here tonight opened

P. A. WILLCOX PROMOTED.

of Atlantic Coast Line.

Politician.

Columbia, March 21,-An

ould have an active part in promot-

ormal need and that will enrich

Sumter Young Men's Christian house for the Tabernacle meeting. ion closed its fourth and most Prayer meetings and committee meetings were held there daily. The Assoal year's work on the 18th The Afth year, started auspices it is, promises to be one of vertile to the community promotion work for the upbuild-

to the work that is being by the association, yet it is in-

at the dvery heliating maline been readily recor the past year a mighty force for right living his posterity, and the greatest work of an army of boys to spend of any generation is to properly rear the next. a total of 1,441 1,198 and 78 physical ex- moved from Spartanburg to Colum-

ace of 13,989; named as State superintendent of the s bathe have been given and 73 league. R. O. Purdy of Sumter is so have been taught to swim. This president. The vice presidents are: rray of figures and usefulness might The Rev. J. S. Moffatt of Due West, continued almost indefinitely to the Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay of Coall, backe ball and oth- lumbia and J. J. Lawton of Hartsville. work which has been ac- The members of the headquarters for the boys has largely D. D., F. H. Hyatt, F. F. Whilden. in the scout organization the Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay, L. S. ne are now 71 boys enrolled Trottl and W. R. Barron, M. D., all work. There have been 15 of Columbia. The trustees of the to the country with \$45 boys league are: C. E. Graham and the

part and 16 meetings in the Rev. Z. H. Cody of Greenville, R. F. om fitted up at the building for Bryant of Orangeburg, Bright Wil-Secretary Hurst is Scout Master Rev. P. B. Wells of Rock Hill, George y for them. e night school for boys and Hill.

in has been steadily at work me months and while the at- BRYAN IN HEATED ARGUMENT. has not been large, yet the has been effective and a num- inaugurates Prohibition Fight and erving boys have the opy to better equip themselves & Mfe work, Mr. C. M. Hurst is the school.

prominent feature of the the campaign in Nebraska speaking aal work is the Chautauqua in favor of a State prohibition amenda; 1,023 season tickets were sold Lincoln, brother of the former secrefor this season. The Lyceum Democratic nomination for governor. ree is not under the direct super- A dispute between Mr. Bryan and m of the Association, yet it is John G. Maher, a local politician, in sive much time and effort to in a hotel lobby enlivened the inmake the course a success. On the formal meetings previous to the owned by L. G. Doughty & Co. The ling table are 23 of the best mag- night's gathering. nes for general reading.

han ever before, largely ewing to the on tonight's programme, was getting progress of the flames was halted by activity of the Jolly Gym Club of paid for his services. Mr. Bryan re- fire walls and by the effort of the enevery Thursday night to the Leaders mercenary. This provoked the reof the Gym work. They have served tort and Maher followed it with several suppers to the Business Men's other charges. class, one for the Business Men's Club, have held two "Open House" hts and two special nights for ladies and business girls. The Business Becomes Assistant General Counsel Men's Club is a purely social club ithin the Association to promote that particular work. About 65 bus- Willcox of Florence has been appoint- dollars of revenue by tobacco manu-

TWENTY-TWO PATIENTS RES-CUED FROM FLAMES OF PRYOR INSTITU-TION.

loss listimated at \$25,000—Owner States New Brick Structure Will Soon Replace Burned Building.

Chester, March 20 .- Fire this morning destroyed the Pryor Hospital on Saluda street, badly damaged the residence of Mr. W. W. Coogler and threatened the homes of Mrs. A. C. in jumping from the burning building Hutton and Mr. S. D. Cross before when Badham hall, a girls' dormiwas one of the worst in years in destroyed by fire early this morning. Chester. Dr. S. W. Pryor, principal The fire was the greatest in the hisowner of the Pryor Hospital, estimat- tory of Orangeburg. All the physiannounced that as soon as the debris converted into a temporary hospital. can be cleared away a brick hospital ciation had special charge of the personal work and a class of about 30 had a month of special instruction will be erected.

under Mrs. Allison. From time to lime special Eunday mass meetings have been held and short term Bible study classes have been held throughout the year. This is true of the any the worse for the experience.

High School boys who met regularly during the fall for special organized is clearly functional with the church ped, drawing its patronage from many the injured will recover. and the Association can best and only parts of the State.

ed the old Davega home on Wylie a domitory, a portion of this buildpromote a normal everyday life of street, to be used as a hospital until ing, being the first floor of one wing

This is in part the work that the

Commercial Club Thinks of Needs of The night watchman had passed this Progressive Dartington Talk of Telephones.

importance to the town were brought able to discover the origin of the fire. before the members among which The first girl awakened saw flames were discussions as to converting the sating away the door to her room. club now known as Hartsville Com- She gave the alarm. In that portion mercial club into the Hartsville of the dormitory stairway escape was Chamber of Commerce. An improve- impossible, as the first floor was a ment from the drop system to the many girls in that section of the common battery system was stressed building was to jump. The result was and an appeal to the Southern Bell appalling. Forty-six were badly in-Telephone and Telegraph company jured, 14 of whom were seriously asking for a more adequate and ef- hurt.

for white and negro children and the over which there was insurance idea of raising \$57,000 for new build- amounting to \$33,000. Just as soon brened in "the interest of good gov- ings was presented to the members as the alarm was given, all of the The headquarters will be for their consideration and aid.

attended and it is felt will result in fire in an admirable manner. good for the business interests of the meeting two weeks hence.

Rev. Marion is conducting Bible H. Bates of Barnwell, J. K. Breeden of fer with the officers of the Chamber of Commerce and the city council for the substitution of the common battery for the magneto telephone equipment now used here.

COTTON FIRE IN AUGUSTA.

The Net Loss Estimated at About \$88,000.

Augusta, Ga., March 20.-Fire broke out about 7 o'clock in the Union Comhigh is brought here by the Associa- ment. Mayor Charles W. Bryan of press Company's warehouse, Market street, from causes unknown, but was year and about 1,100 are engag- tary of State, is candidate for the held to one compartment containing 2,200 bales. The cotton in the compartment was valued at about \$132,-000. The slavage will be about \$44,by allied with the work and the which the lie was passed to Mr. Bryan 000 and the net loss is about \$88,000. The major part of the cotton was The dispute arose over a question There are 8,000 bales of cotton stored The Social work of the Association of Mr. Maher as to whether one of in the warehouse and it is in the heart ang ladies. They serve a luncheon marked that Maher's motive was tire fire department. Several firemen were overcome by smoke and heat.

FRAUDS ON GOVERNMENT.

Tobacco Men Robbed Government of

Washington, March 21.-Nation-Columbia, March 20.-Philip Alston has been swindled out of millions of

GHESTER HOSPITAL BURNED FORTY-SIX INJURED IN FIRE

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS SUF-FER IN LEAPING FROM BURNING DORMITORY.

Sleeping Quarters of Girls of State Colored College at Orangeburg Burned, Causing Big Loss-More Than Three Hundred Colored Women Have Narrow Escape from

Orangeburg, March . 20.-Two teachers and 44 students were injured finally subdued. The conflagration tory at the State Colored college, was ed the loss to building and equipment clans of Orangeburg and many trainat about \$25,000, with sufficient in- ed nurses hurried to the scene and surance to cover the loss. He also the home of President Wilkinson was

Mattie J. Battiste, Charleston, a absolutely fireproof and embracing teacher, suffered injuries that reall of the latest ideas and features sulted in both legs being broken and ribs fractured. She is probably the Twenty-two patients in the hospital, most seriously injured, but her three of whom had just undergone op- chances for recovery are good. Julia erations, were rescued without diffi- Mae Williams was the other teacher culty, and apparently without being injured. The injuries of the students consisted of broken legs, broken arms, The Pryor Hospital, until recently fractured arms and legs, broken ankles the Magdalene Hospital, was a large and sprained ankle, wrenched backs, two-story building splendidly equip- cuts, bruises and broken ribs. . All

In the buildings were 300 girl stu-Dr. Pryor and associates have rent- dents and several teachers. Besides their new building can be completed. a dormitory, a portion of this buildministration purposes. It was in these HARTSVILLE PEOPLE ACTIVE, offices that the fire originated.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Town- dermitory and registered at the clock five minutes before the fire was discovered. From the great headway Hartsville, March 20 .- A call meet- immediately gained by the fire, work ng of the Hartsville Commercial club of incendiaries may be expected. The was held tonight. Several matters president states that he has been unment in the present telephone equip. mass of flames. The only escape for

The need for more school buildings furnishing, was worth about \$40,000. doors were opened, except those in The .approaching May festival, the midst of the flames. The students known as Coker College Choral Art came out orderly and safely, except Society festival, scheduled for May in the quarter that was cut off and 3, 4 and 5, was put before the club jumping was resorted to. The buildas an attraction which all mem- ing was a modern brick structure, bers were asked to advertise by writ- steam heated throughout. The work ing personal letters to friends and of W. S. Wilkinson, president of the college, was highly commendable. He The meeting tonight was largely has managed the situation since the

College work will go on uninterrupcommittee are: The Rev. C. E. Burts, town. C. W. Coker and F. D. Slaght | ted, just as soon as rearrangements as president and secretary, respective- can be perfected this week. The girls ly, have served the club faithfully and of the college will be quartered in the efficiently for the past year. New dormitories of Claffin university, officers will be elected at the next which adjoins the State colored college. There are ample class rooms, M. B. Speir, general manager, and and the dining room and kitchen Guy A. Myers, special agent of the were not destroyed, although in close exclusive use of the boys with liamson of Darlington, J. L. Mims of Southern Bell Telephone and Tele- proximity to the destroyed building. attending these meetings. Assist- Edgefield, C. B. Bobo of Laurens, the graph company, arrived here tonight Nearly all the girl students are desfrom Charlotte by automobile to con- titute of clothes, but this necessity is being met with assistance from the at the public schools. As the pu-Orangeburg people and parents of the pils filed in the first day, they noticed der for a nickle's worth of pens I

Those from Sumter who were injured in the fire were:

Rosa DeLorme, face contusion, sprained leg.

Evylin Wilson, stomach injuries. Heywood,

Lester Arthur, fractured right

ARMY BILL WILL PASS.

certainty that the Hay army bill will and "keep-a-trying." It is an opporweek the advocates of the big and lit- as this is the largest extra vote offer to a fellow who is far away from loss is fully covered by insurance. the armies are lining up for the clash that will be made during the entire home or one who practically has no between the senate and house which campaign. If you are in the cam- home, and to one who feels that he been larger and more prominent the speakers from the past, who was of the Augusta cotton district. The berlain army bill by the senate. The will follow the passage of the Cham- paign do you best. Your friends will has lost his best friend and too, that Chamberlain bill provides for approximately fifty thousand more men in the to you to be numbered among the other things were not breaking just as standing army than the Hay meas- successful ones, and you will find they they should, as well as for the ones ure. The president will support the will cheerfully jump in and give you who were right here at home, and in Hay measure. The fight will come their support. when the joint committee endeavors to effect a compromise.

LITTLE NAVAL BATTLE.

stroyers Clash Off Belgian Coast.

CANDIDATES SHOULD STRIVE FOR BENEFITS OF EXTRA VOTES.

Splendid Opportunity for Candidates in Golden Festival and Voting Campaign to Increase their Chances of Voting

Positively the Largest Extra Vote Offer is On Now-Postal Ruling Guarantees This to Candidates-Candidates Still Entering the Campaign.

EXTRA VOTE OFFER.

Every candidate bringing or sending to the Campaign Department of The Daily Item and the Watchman and Southron, YEARLY subscriptions, New or Old to either or a combination of both papers, amounting to \$15.00, between Wednesday, March 22nd and 10 o'clock Saturday, April 1st will be awarded a voting certificate for 150,000 extra votes in addition to the regular scale.

Candidates may secure as many clubs as they may possibly secure. Clubs may consist of a combination of yearly subscriptions to the Daily Item and the Watchman and Southron. In order to be absolutely fair and impartial, this offer will include all yearly subscriptions heretofore sent in.

If the reader is laboring under the misapprehension that The Daily Item and the Watchman and Southron's Golden Festival and Voting campaign's "pot is not boiling," he should spend a few hours with the Campaign Manager and be enlightened about the number of candidates he talks to, hear the stories he hears, count the votes he counts, and come in contact with the enthusiasm he encounters in the course of a day's bus-

After having done this it would be but little trouble to figure out that only the willing workers, those who will not allow the present opportunity to pass unimproved, will share in the distribution of the magnificent prizes at the close of this campaign.

Of course the only really important thing just now is to lay away as many Extra Votes as possible. Remember the conditions for every club of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) in Yearly subscriptions turned in between March 22 and April 1st a voting certificate for 150,000 votes in addition to the regular scale will be given. Also remember all yearly subscriptions turned in since the beginning of the campaign will be counted on this offer. You may turn in your subscriptions as rapidly as you secure them. It is not necessary to complete a club before the names are sent in to this office. You may send in one subscription at a time, and they will apply on this of-

Try, Try Again.

start, there was a little girl by the I get my pens and paper. name of Elizabeth, seven years of age, who was starting her second year have at those place, well, while I a motto which the teacher had written on the blackboard. It was: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." This motto haunted Elizabeth the day After I read it, I bought a couple of through, and that evening as she them, walked out and started to work. knelt to say her prayers, beginning: broken right "Now I lay me down to sleep," she tacked on to the end of the prayer: "Please Dod, make me a good little If the day looks kind of gloomy, girl. If at first you don't succeed, please try, try again."

Now this motto holds true with the candidates in the Golden Festival Hay Bill Will go Through House This and Voting Campaign. If you don't Week Then Comes Fight With Sen- succeed today in securing enough yearly subscriptions, to get one of those 150,000 voting certificates, and Washington, March 21.-With the a great many will not; then try again

One of the most important features candidates to impress the fact that ingly that he intended to "paw up the they are sincere, and will be untiring earth" and come in with enough subin their efforts to secure one of the scriptions to secure several of those prizes offered. Friends do not hesi- extra voting certificates. That made tate to support a candidate if they the Campaign Manager sleep rather less chain, especially at this stage of many clubs rs possible.

MAKES GENEROUS OFFER.

HARBY & CO. WILL LEND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUY PURE BRED HOGS.

Also Gives Two Hundred Dollars to Purchase Prizes for Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Sumter County.

At the weekly meeting of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce held yesterday Captain A. C. Phelps, general manager of Harby & Co. of Sumter, the well known export and domestic cotton buying firm, notified the Chamber of Commerce and local Farm Demonstrator J. Frank Williams that his firm will lend the sum of one thousand dollars, without interest, to be divided among as many poor but deserving boys as Demonstrator Williams will designate to purchase pure bred hogs in order to encourage the raising of hogs along scientific lines.

Demonstrator Williams accepted the very kind offer in behalf of the boys' corn and pig clubs and will utilize as much of the one thousand dollars as may be necessary.

Captain Phelps also announced to the directors that his firm donates the sum of two hundred dollars outright to be awarded as prizes, one hundred to the boys' pig and corn clubs, and one hundred dollars also. for the girls' and women's home demonstration clubs under supervision of Miss Mary Lemmon, home demonstration agent for Sumter county.

Miss Lemmon and Mr. Williams will arrange the list of prizes in connection with a committee of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and the list will be published later.

The directors, Miss Lemmon, and Mr. Williams expressed their sincere and hearty appreciation of the generosity of this public spirited and patriotic Sumter business establishment.

the campaign.

Value of Extra Votes.

You know that these extra vote offers are a great source of instruction to a lot of candidates; they profit by the lessons taught. Those who take advantage of this exta vote offer will not have anything to complain about, and judging by the sentiment expressed by one of the candidates that will not be discouraged if she does not. It is assumed that there will be other extra vote offers, but they will not be so large.

This candidate said: "I had a notion to sort of lay off for a week or so, and I was going to do it. That's why I Once upon a time, as all stories dropped into a stationary store, where

"You know those post cards they was waiting for the man to fill my orturned one of those post card stands tround idly and finally one of those cards struck me about right. Here is what it said as he handed it to the campaign mnaager who read:

And your chances kind of slim, If the situation's puzzling

And the prospects awful grim, And perplexities keep pressing 'Till all hope is almost gone; Just bristle up and grit your teeth, An' keep on keeping on.

That little old card particularly appealed to the Campaign Manager, for pass the house before the end of the tunity which you will not have again, it seemed to carry a cheerful message appreciate your sincerity; they will friend he had hoped would become understand what it is going to mean his very best friend. And for whom this great campaign.

This was surely a fitting sentiment, of a campaign of this kind, is for the and that candidate stated laugh-

At the beginning of the last fiscal tinue to be State counsel for the Thirty-six already have been arrested The German boats were struck with ceeds in forming practically an end- likewise. Start today and get as year the Association was the clearing Coast Line in South Carolina.

Millions of Revenue.

wide frauds by which the government German and British Torpedo Boat Deinces men are already members of the ed assistant general counsel of the At- facturers has been unearthed by torpedo boats destroyers were defeat- port. They do not only support a actuates the successful ones in a cam-Club. They have equipped the large lantic Coast Line. His headquarters treasury agents, it is officially an- ed and driven back to their base in candidate with their own subscrip- paign of this kind. That kind of a room on the main floor for the club will be in Wilmington, but he will nounced. Indictments against a Belgium by four British destroyers tion, but will see that other friends andidate will never let sleep interfere continue, at least for the present, to hundred manufacturers and dealers Monday. The admiralty announced do the same thing. As a matter of with his work, resident in Florence and will also con- will be obtained in the near future. that the British had four wounded. fact each successful candidate suc- It is up to you to get busy and do